Dear Legislatures,

Thank you for your service.

I do not support changing the gun laws in the State of CT.

I do support criminal prosecution of criminals breaking our present laws.

Within the last several years I have been in an attempted car jacking. I have had my house broken into.

I have had my office broken into. I have had my car window smashed and my purse stollen when a criminal broke into my vehicle.

I would feel irresponsible if I did not heed these warnings to protect myself from a perhaps worse crime against me.

I was afaid and misinformed about firearms, and had never spent anytime around them or with people who were interested.

I have invested a lot of time, money and energy into educating and training myself on this subject.

It is a very serious responsibility to carry a firearm and I want to be educated trained and responsible always.

All I have met in the firearm world are also very dedicated to safety and education.

I am a self employed female and work with four other females. We are not large people.

We often are the first people to arrive at work and the last to leave in our small office complex. It is often dark. We always accompany each other. Despite our precautions we are sometimes accosted by less than safe individuals who if allowed would harm us.

I have paid for training for my staff to be educated in self defense.

We are no match for criminals, and no mace does not really work.

Please do not punish law abiding citizens and remove our right to defend ourselves.

You may think after reading my story that none of the proposed laws would affect me, but they would.

Laws passed which do nothing to deter criminals are useless.

Sincerely,

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